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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question to my colleague in charge of Local Administration.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : The Hon. Minister was stating that agreed proposals were implemented and that means, it can be presumed that there were also some proposals which were not agreed to. May I know, whether the request of the majority of the Presidents of District Boards that the district Board roads be taken over by the Government and treated as 'Provincial Road's, has been accepted by the Government and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think that subject was discussed at this conference.

Recovery of cost of articles lost in Government Hospitals

* 2668 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that whenever linen and other articles are lost in the Government Hospitals, the low paid employees are asked to pay the cost of such lost articles compulsorily without any enquiry whatsoever by the Superintendents of the hospitals; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have any proposals to stop this kind of collective fines upon such hospital employees?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Recoveries are effected from the persons responsible in the wards after due enquiry;

(*b*) Does not arise.

Lands for grazing purposes

* 2669 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to starred question No. 1643 on 26th March 1955—

(*a*) whether the Board of Revenue has submitted any report to the Government regarding the reservation of lands for grazing purposes in villages where there are no such lands now; and

(*b*) if so, what the recommendations are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The recommendations of the Board of Revenue are the following :—

(1) The villagers should be encouraged to raise grass farms in unobjectionable wastes and they should be assigned Government porambokes or Government wastes for the same purpose.

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(2) In panchayat areas the local panchayats must be made to take action in the interests of the village cattle, to provide grazing grounds by getting poramboke lands from the Government for the purpose.

(3) So far as towns are concerned, the municipalities should be empowered to acquire lands on the outskirts of towns to raise grass farms and to levy a nominal fee.

(4) The Agriculture Department should be asked to advise the ryots regarding the suitable varieties of grass to be grown and if need be to undertake the supply of the seeds and seedlings, etc.

(5) The Government should encourage people to raise large-scale farms by advancing loans if necessary to meet the incidental expenditure.

(6) Forest Panchayat Committees should be constituted for the issue of permits and the collection of fees.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : இதுவரையில் எத்தனை முனிசிபாலிட்டிகள் 11-50
மேய்ச்சல் பண்ணைகள் ஏற்படுத்தியிருக்கிறார்கள். a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : These are only recommendations. We are at the 'recommendation stage'.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : May I know whether the Government have given effect to any of these recommendations made by the Board of Revenue? If they have not been given effect to, may I know whether the Government are seriously considering the question of giving effect to any of these recommendations?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Government have already passed orders on a few recommendations. Orders on the other recommendations are under scrutiny.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : What are the recommendations that have been given effect to . . .

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : There are many villages where there are no porambokes available for grazing purposes. May I know what the Government propose to do in the matter of providing grazing facilities in such villages?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : One of the recommendations which I read relates to this subject. As far as the question put by hon. Member Sri R. V. Swaminathan is concerned, I may say that recommendations 1 (*b*) and 1 (*c*) are under consideration. With regard to recommendation No. 3 it has been proposed to ask the Board of Revenue to consult the Collectors and ascertain from them if the people are prepared to raise large-scale farms.

SRI D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER : சர்க்கார் அங்கங்கே மேய்ச்சல் தரைகளைக் கொடுக்க யோசிப்பது மிகவும் நல்லது தான். இப்பொழுது ஏற்கெனவே சில கிராமங்களில் மேய்ச்சல் தரைகள் இருக்கின்றன.

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இப்பொழுது அநேகம் பேர்கள் அவைகளில் பயிர் செய்து மேய்ச்சலுக்கு லாயக்கில்லாமல் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். இதை சர்க்கார் கவனித்து உடனடியாக அதைத் தடுக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : ஏதாவது குறிப்பாக விஷயத்தைச் சொன்னால் அதைப்பற்றி விசாரிக்கலாம். பொதுவாகச் சொன்னால் எப்படி விசாரிப்பது ?

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : In answering the supplementary question put by me, the Hon. Minister was pleased to say that recommendations 1 (*b*) and 1 (*c*) were implemented and so on. We do not know what is recommendation 1 (*b*) and what is recommendation 1 (*c*). Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to print the answers and place the matter on the table of the House to-morrow so that we may understand the details.

Closure of a Basic Training Centre at Tirur

* 2670 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Basic Training Centre for Higher Grade at Tirur in Tiruvallur taluk has been closed;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) whether the candidates, who applied for admission, were informed in advance about the closure?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. Owing to very limited accommodation fresh admissions during the year 1954–55 were restricted to only senior grade. But this year all the sections are working.

(*c*) No, Sir. The Director's order restricting the fresh admissions was not issued in time and publicity could not therefore be given to this order in advance.

Construction of houses for low-income group

* 2671 *Q.*—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have availed themselves of the offer of aid from the Government of India for the construction of houses for low-income group; and

(*b*) if so, in how many places they have started or helped to start construction of such houses?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The various schemes are still in the preliminary stafes and actual help has not so far been rendered in any case.